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STUDENTS, PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS TRANSFORM GARFIELD PARK VENUES WITH GLASS ARTWORK

Shows open January 21 at the Arts Center and Conservatory

INDIANAPOLIS – Garfield Park hosts the first-ever glass art exhibitions at the Arts Center and Conservatory beginning Jan. 21, in partnership with Ball State University, Anderson University, the Indiana Glass Arts Alliance and the Friends of Garfield Park. Glass works will be displayed at each location featuring a diverse selection of this fine art medium from students and professional artists. Visitors are invited to meet the artists and enjoy live music and light refreshments at the opening reception held jointly at both locations from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXHIBITS

NeoNatural: Botanically Inspired Glass Works

Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive

Jan. 21 – March 18

Admission: \$3/person, \$8/family

**Hours: Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.**

The NeoNatural Exhibit will feature displays by Ball State University and Anderson University students who have transformed the Conservatory by integrating their pieces among the 10,000 square feet of plants from the world's tropics. Ball State students created works of art for a summer course titled "Fanatical Botanical" that taught the benefits of working outside the academic environment.

"Truly interesting artwork is not created in a vacuum. As artists, all of us are faced with constraints of some kind," said Brent Cole, Ball State University Associate Professor of Glass. "It is great for the students to create their work in a different environment and to be communicating with an audience with a different set of expectations."

Anderson University students and an alumnus developed their pieces after an introductory-to-glass course and from their own personal line of enquiry.

"Practical problems had to be solved as they considered displaying glass amongst plants, and most importantly, each artist has had to consider how their work communicates their intentions as it interacts with a botanical



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display and the conservatory's architecture," said Arlon Bayliss, Professor of Art and Director of Glass Studies at Anderson University.

Indiana Glass Arts Alliance: 50th Anniversary of Studio Glass

Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive

Jan. 21 – Feb. 26

Admission: FREE

**Hours: Wednesdays and Thursdays, 2 to 9 p.m.
Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.**

The Indiana Glass Arts Alliance: 50th Anniversary of Studio Glass at the Garfield Park Arts Center will showcase Indianapolis area members' talented artwork and represent the diverse and varied interests of the Alliance, which include traditional vessels and contemporary sculpture. The Alliance aims to enhance the development and recognition of Indiana's glass artists and recognition of glass as a fine art medium. Some of the glass work will be for sale.

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